

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on March 4, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bruce Tutvedt, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Lake, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Ron Arthun (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 293, 2/23/2011
SB 346, 2/23/2011
SB 358, 2/23/2011

Executive Action: SB 261 ~ Do Pass As Amended

HEARING ON HB 293

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:02 Rep. Pat Connell (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 293, Provide tax exempt status for certain land owned by veterans' organizations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:06 Red Hamilton, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Billie Springer Memorial Park

00:06:31 Mike Milodragovich, Attorney, Missoula

00:09:12 Sen. Bob Lake, SD 44

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:40 Sen. Erickson

00:10:54 Mike Milodragovich

00:11:54 Sen. Erickson

00:12:00 Mike Milodragovich

00:12:45 Chairman Tutvedt

00:13:04 Mike Milodragovich

00:13:58 Chairman Tutvedt

00:14:13 Mike Milodragovich

00:15:45 Sen. Wittich

00:17:01 Mike Milodragovich

00:17:50 Chairman Tutvedt

00:18:00 Sen. Lake

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:50 Rep. Pat Connell

HEARING ON SB 358

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:06 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 358, Generally revise tax increment financing districts.

EXHIBIT(tas49a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:28 Joe Briggs, Cascade County Commission, Chair, and Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(tas49a02)

00:28:45 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, MACo
 00:32:56 Linda Stoll, representing Missoula County
 00:33:58 Kristin Rosa, TIF Administrator, Butte-Silver Bow County
 00:34:25 Ronda Wiggers, representing Great Falls Chamber of Commerce
 00:35:23 Jim Smitham, Executive Director, Butte Economic Development Corporation
 00:36:56 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
 00:37:14 Steve Arveschoug, Executive Director, Big Sky Economic Development
 00:38:34 Ed Bartlett, representing Yellowstone County and Billings Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

00:38:55 Kevin Nelson, Billings

EXHIBIT(tas49a03)

00:47:16 Diane Fladmo, representing MEA/MFT

Informational Testimony:

00:48:29 C. A. Daw, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Revenue (DOR) also Ed Caplis, DOR and Michele Crepeau, DOR

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:56 Sen. Wittich
 00:50:52 Harold Blattie, MACo
 00:51:41 Sen. Wittich
 00:52:16 Harold Blattie
 00:53:05 Sen. Wittich
 00:53:19 Ed Caplis, DOR
 00:54:40 Sen. Kaufmann
 00:55:40 C. A. Daw, DOR
 00:57:21 Sen. Erickson
 00:57:46 C. A. Daw
 00:58:13 Sen. Erickson
 00:58:27 Chairman Tutvedt
 00:58:58 C. A. Daw
 01:00:46 Sen. Lake
 01:01:27 Harold Blattie
 01:02:37 Sen. Lake
 01:03:03 Harold Blattie
 01:04:59 Sen. Wittich
 01:06:21 Sen. Buttrey
 01:06:58 Sen. Gillan
 01:07:20 Sen. Buttrey
 01:07:37 Sen. Gillan

01:08:19 Sen. Buttrey
 01:08:38 Joe Briggs
 01:09:19 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:09:44 Joe Briggs
 01:10:18 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:10:29 Joe Briggs
 01:11:14 Chairman Tutvedt
 01:11:33 Harold Blattie
 01:11:43 Ed Bartlett
 01:12:11 Chairman Tutvedt
 01:12:20 Kevin Nelson
 01:12:58 Chairman Tutvedt
 01:13:27 Joe Briggs

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:45 Sen. Ed Buttrey
[EXHIBIT\(tas49a04\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(tas49a05\)](#)
 01:16:44 Chairman Tutvedt
 01:17:05 Michelle Crepeau, DOR
 01:18:15 Chairman Tutvedt
 01:18:24 Michelle Crepeau
 01:20:30 Sen. Lake
 01:20:54 Chairman Tutvedt

HEARING ON SB 346

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:22:04 Sen. Bob Lake (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 346, Require Dept of Revenue to provide certain information on website.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:24:06 Nancy Schlepp, representing Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)
 01:24:34 John Barrows, Executive Director, Montana Newspaper Association
 01:25:38 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:26:22 Alan Peura, Deputy Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)
 01:37:13 Gene Walborn, Administrator, Business and Income Tax Division, DOR
[EXHIBIT\(tas49a06\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:50:52 Sen. Gillan
 01:51:35 Sen. Lake
 01:52:27 Chairman Tutvedt
 01:53:03 Nancy Schlepp, MTA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:54:06 Sen. Bob Lake
 01:56:54 Chairman Tutvedt

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 261

01:57:35 **Motion:** Sen. Lake moved that **SB 261 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:58:59 Chairman Tutvedt
[**EXHIBIT\(tas49a07\)**](#)

01:59:09 **Motion:** Sen. Lake moved that **SB 261 BE AMENDED.**
[**EXHIBIT\(tas49a08\)**](#)

Discussion:

01:59:37 Chairman Tutvedt
 02:00:04 Sen. Lake
 02:00:15 Sen. Erickson
 02:00:30 Chairman Tutvedt
 02:01:14 Sen. Gillan
 02:02:46 Sen. Branae
 02:03:18 Sen. Kaufmann
 02:03:49 Lee Heiman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 02:04:03 Sen. Kaufmann
 02:04:17 Lee Heiman, LSD
 02:05:16 Sen. Wittich
 02:06:22 Sen. Lake
 02:08:08 Sen. Erickson
 02:09:49 Chairman Tutvedt
 02:10:22 Sen. Gillan
 02:12:01 Chairman Tutvedt

02:12:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

02:12:30 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lake moved that **SB 261 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 10-1 by voice vote with Sen. Erickson voting no. Sen. Essmann, Sen. Peterson and Sen. Vincent voted by proxy. Sen. Van Dyk abstained from vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:15 A.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas49aad.pdf](#))